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SUBJECT: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE-CONSTRUCTION OF AIR UNDERWATER WEAPONS
COMPOUND (AUWC) BERMUDA

REFS: A. AC/4(PP)N/3388, DTD 28 JUN 74
B. INFRA 1722/74, 31 JAN 74
C. AC/4(PP)DS/978, ITEM III.3.(B)

1. REF A PROVIDES NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF COMMENTS ON US INTENT
TO PREFINANCE SUBJECT PROJECT, REF B, WHICH WERE UNAVAILABLE WHEN
US NOTE QW CONSIDERED BY P&P COMMITTEE AT REF C.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT PROJECT IS CURRENTLY BEING
ADVERTISED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING, THE TEXT OF NIS
COMMENTS IS QUOTED HEREWITH. THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR
USE IN CASE YOU SHOULD DEEM IT ADVISABLE TO UNDERTAKE ANY MODIFICATIO
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WHICH MIGHT REDUCE THE US COST SHARE OF TEN PCT WHICH THE NIS
INDICATES THEY WILL RECOMMEND IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE PROGRAMMING AND
AUTHORIZATION OF THIS
PROJECT. TEXT OF COMMENTS FOLLOWS. QUOTE.
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1. WHEN THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE PREFINANCING STATEMENT
BY THE UNITED STATE (REFERENCE INFRA/1722/74 OF 31ST JANUARY, 1974)
AS RECORDED IN AC/4(PP)DS/978 THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WAS UNABLE
TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED WORK SINCE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION

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WAS NOT BEING MADE AVAILABLE.

2. RECENTLY, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS RECEIVED THREE DRAWINGS NR. 4.014.986, 7 AND 8. THESE DRAWINGS PERMIT THE STAFF TO OFFER SOME COMMENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THIS PROJECT IS NOW PROPOSED BY SACLANT FOR INCLUSION IN SLICE XXV UNDER SERIAL 6. IT WOULD SEEM TO BE AN INSTALLATION WHICH IS NOT USED IN PEACE TIME FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESTOCKING.

(B) THE PLAN COMPRISES, AMONGST OTHER ITEMS, 4 SUB-STANDARD IGLOOS, EACH 8.1 M X 15.5M OR 4/126.2-500M2. IF THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT IS FOR 500M2 INDEED, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN MET THROUGH THE CON-STRUCTION OF THREE IGLOOS, EACH 8.1M X20.6N, THEREBY SAVING ROUGHTLY IAU 25,000 UNLESS IT WOULD BE DEMONSTRATED THAT FOUR INCOMPATIBLE TYPES OF WEAPONS FOR THE P3 AIRCRAFT HAVE TO BE STORED.

(C) AROUND THE GUARD POST/GATEHOUSE OF THE AUW COMPOUND THERE ARE SEVEN GATES, SIX OF WHICH HAVE A REMOTELY CONTROLLED ELECTRO-MECHANICAL LOCK AND TWO OF WHICH ARE "MOTORIZED". THIS APPEARS EXAGGERATED FOR AN INSTALLATION NOT USED IN PEACE TIME AND FOR WHICH ADEQUATE GUARDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN WARTIME. FURTHERMORE, THESE LOCKS WILL NOT WORK IN WARTIME AFTER HAVING BEEN EXPOSED TO HUMID, HOT, MARITIME CONDITIONS.

(D) THERE IS AN EXISTING WATER SUPPLY LINE TO THE SITE AND IT APPEARS THEREFORE UNNECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE PLANNED 60 M3 REINFORCED CONCRETE WATER RESERVOIR.

(E) THE PROJECT ALSO CONAINS VARIOUS FIRE FIGHTING ITEMS. THESE SEEM UNNECESSARY AT THIS SITE AT CONFIDENTIAL

THE EDGE OF THE HARBOUR AND WITH THE AIRFIELD FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES ON IMMEDIATE CALL.

(F) THE DOUBLE FENCE IS PLANNED FOR A LENGTH OF 140 METRE OVER AN EXISTING DIRT ROAD, AND THIS ROAD IS PROPOSED FOR "GRADING AND VEGETATION". THIS IS ALSO UNNECESSARY FROM THE NATO VIEWPOINT.

(G) A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED REMOVABLE CONCRETE WHEEL STOP IS PLANNED AT THE EDGE OF A HARDSTAND FOR THE PARKING OF FOUR VEHICLES. IT WOULD BE CHEAPER AND ADEQUATE TOSHOVEL THE IN-PLAN CORAL SAND INTO A 10 CM HIGH RIDGE ADJACENT TO THE HARDSTAND.

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(H) NO DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR ANH OF THE
BUILDINGS; THUS NO COMMENT IS POSSIBLE.

(I) THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION ALSO CALLS FOR"THE PROVISION
OF INITIAL SPARES BACK UP". WHATEVER IS MEANT,
SUCH SPARES HAVE NEVER BEEN AUTHORIZED IN THE PAST
FOR AMMUNITION STORAGE SITES.

3. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE
OVERALL DESIGN SHOWS TOO MANY REFINEMENTS WHICH ARE NOT
WARRANTED FOR AN UNUSED DEPOT, AND THAT MAY BE ONE OF THE
REASONS WHY THE ESTIMATED COST IS SO HIGH: IAU 510,000 FOR
875M2 OF STORAGE SPACE AND A 260 M2 ASSEMBLY SHOP. IN THE
EVENT OF PROGRAMMING AND AUTHORIZATION THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF
WOULD BE OBLIGED TO RECOMMEND A NATO SHARE LESS THAN 90
PERCENT.
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